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In re Application of

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For: ANTIGENIC EPITOPES AND MOSAIC
POLYPEPTIDES OF HEPATITIS C
VIRUS PROTEINS

Group Art Unit: 1648

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.
Customer No. 23859

January 21, 2003

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7-8 and 26-31 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

9. (Twice amended) A mosaic polypeptide comprising an isolated antigenic epitope of HCV core protein comprising amino acid residues 1-91 of the HCV polyprotein, wherein the mosaic polypeptide is not the HCV polyprotein.

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